

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 703

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kori Furcolowe of Clarksville on being elected President of Girls Nation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those young people of this State who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to personal excellence, have distinguished themselves among their peers; and

WHEREAS, Kori Furcolowe of Clarksville is one such exceptional young woman who was elected President of the 2007 Girls Nation Convention, which was held July 21 - 28, 2007, in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Furcolowe's selection marks the first time in the organization's sixty year history that a young woman from Tennessee has been elected president; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Angel and Dean Furcolowe, Kori was one of three Rossvie High School girls to attend Girls State in Murfreesboro in June, and from an assemblage of 550 delegates, she was one of two elected as senators to represent the State of Tennessee at Girls Nation; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Girls Nation is a government training program held in the nation's capital; it is designed to instill in each delegate a deep loyalty to America and provide insight into operations of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, through her selection by her peers for this exceptional honor, Kori Furcolowe has demonstrated an outstanding personal achievement, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest youth in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, as one of 98 senators in attendance at Girls Nation, Ms. Furcolowe took part in a week of activities, which included participating in mock senate sessions, where the young women caucused, organized into committees, and conducted hearings on bills they

created, as well as visiting national landmarks and federal agencies, meeting President Bush, and attending a lecture by Holocaust survivor, Nessel Godin; and

WHEREAS, not only was Kori Furcolowe's trip to Washington paid for by the American Legion Auxiliary, she also received a \$2,000 dollar scholarship and was invited to address the American Legion Auxiliary's National Convention in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Kori's successful race for President of the 61st Annual Girls Nation is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, she has also achieved outstanding academic success, maintaining an exemplary 3.89 grade point average at Rossview High School, while pursuing her passion for politics; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Furcolowe's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success, and this extraordinary young woman plans to pursue a career in experimental medicine or international politics, with a focus on health care and the economy; and

WHEREAS, Kori Furcolowe's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ms. Kori Furcolowe of Clarksville upon being elected President of Girls Nation and offer her our best wishes for every success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.